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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 240
By Wood

A RESOLUTION To honor and commend the Reverend Edmond Stallings on thirty-five years of excellent service to the citizens of this State as a minister of the Gospel.

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that this legislative body should recognize those stalwart servants of God, who faithfully serve the Lord and their congregations through their unflagging love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God and strive to enrich the lives of people in their community; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Edmond Stallings is one such inspirational minister who has served as a man of God for the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Edmond Stallings started his distinguished preaching career in 1965 as an Associate Pastor in Lenoir City. He later accepted the call to move to Pulaski where he pastored a church until 1972; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, the Reverend Stallings moved to Memphis, where he pastored a local church and organized a church school from which several public school teachers and a United States Naval Academy cadet graduated; and

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WHEREAS, He next served congregations in Knoxville, Whitwell, and Chattanooga, where the members of his congregations were once again specially blessed by the Holy Spirit; and

WHEREAS, The Reverend Stallings is presently serving the Ooltewah Church of God. The Ooltewah Church of God has grown five-fold in membership under Bro. Stallings great leadership, and has been recognized as a positive influence in the community; and

WHEREAS, God has richly blessed Edmond Stallings with tremendous musical talent; he has used that excellent ability as the respected Musical Director of Tennessee State Camp Meetings and as a major influence in the Church of God's musical ministry; and

WHEREAS, His ministry has always been a family affair, which has included strong support from his father, Gordan, his wife, Mildred, and his daughters, Tabitha and Teena; and

WHEREAS, While the Reverend Stallings has received considerable recognition for his stellar service, he understands that the greatest reward is knowing the positive difference he has made in the many lives he has touched and prepared for the Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the talents and the fine service of the Reverend Edmond Stallings for his commitment to his life's calling, and for his many contributions made to his fellow Tennesseans; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend the Reverend Edmond Stallings for his many years of service to God, his community and the State, extending our best wishes for many more years of continued happiness as he serves his Lord and Savior.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.